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**Re: June 12, 2008 Agenda Item #12
Prenotice Discussion of Amendments to Regulation 18946.4**

Dear Chairman Johnson,

We strongly oppose the elimination of the "no value rule" that applies to 501 (c) (3) fundraising events.

We were the Co-Chairs of the 2008 Spirit of VIC Awards Dinner held on May 8, 2008, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in North Hollywood. The dinner is the annual fundraising event for the Valley Interfaith Council of Chatsworth, which feeds over 85,000 people a year and runs senior centers and Meals on Wheels programs in the San Fernando Valley.

Having local State, County and City politicians present at the dinner was extremely important to the event's overall success. The attending politicians added clout, visibility, press coverage and stature to the dinner which raised over \$75,000 to fund the food pantries, the hot meals delivery service and the staff to administer to the poor, the homebound and seniors. We have included a one-pager that describes the event and the all-important VIP networking time before the dinner began.

VIC has been serving the community for over 43 years. The annual dinner event provides an important in-person opportunity to educate local legislators about VIC's mission, and to remind them about the nature of the day-to-day contributions of the Valley Interfaith Council to the Los Angeles community. This once-a-year event, when many local politicians are invited to the dinner, and who attend in large numbers, is critical to VIC's success and longevity.

We can tell you from first-hand experience that elimination of the "no value" rule will have a devastating effect on the ability of the Valley Interfaith Council and other similar non-profits to garner the active support and physical presence of local politicians at their important fund-raising events.

There is no doubt in our minds that the proposed changes to Regulation 18946.4 will have serious negative repercussions for non-profits to raise money and to educate their legislators about how non-profits perform their critical functions of feeding the poor, sheltering the homeless and protecting children.

Sincerely yours,

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Valley Interfaith Council

2008 SPIRIT OF VIC AWARDS DINNER

Join us for an extraordinary evening honoring heroic community leaders,
whose dedication to service protects and enhances our quality of life.

Fritz Coleman, Master of Ceremonies
David W. Fleming, Esq., Corporate Chair

Thursday, May 8, 2008
6:00 pm VIP Networking Reception
7:00 pm Dinner & Entertainment

Sheraton Universal Hotel – Grand Ballroom
333 Universal Hollywood Drive
Universal City, CA 91608

SPIRIT OF VIC AWARD HONOREES:

Los Angeles City & County Firefighters
Vedanta Society of Southern California
State Senator Sheila Kuehl
Abraham's Vision
Telesis Community Credit Union
Sisters of Social Service

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